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SUBJ: TURKEY AND THE DPC

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1. CHARGE MCAULIFFE SAW SYG LUNS RE TURKEY FOLLOWING FEBRUARY 28 NAC. MCAULIFFE TOLD SYG THAT U.S. PROPOSES ALLIES AGREE PROMPTLY TO CONSIDER TURKEY'S NATO-RELATED MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND FUNDS NEEDS, AND THAT WE SEE THIS AS A WHOLLY PRACTICAL EFFORT ON THE

PART OF THE DPC. CHARGE ELABORATED ON U.S. VIEWS PER PARA 3 REFTEL.

2. LUNS REPLIED THAT ISSUE OF TURKEY'S MILITARY ASSISTANCE NEEDS WAS "TRICKY BUSINESS", ADDING THAT HE HAD JUST SEEN A "VERY EMOTIONAL" GREEK AMBASSADOR (THEODOROPOULOS) WHO ASKED HIM WHETHER THERE WAS IN FACT A PLAN FOR NATO TO SUBSTITUTE ITSELF FOR THE U.S. IN ASSISTING TURKEY. LUNS SAID HE HAD ASSURED GREEK AMBASSADOR THERE WAS NO CONCRETE PLAN. BECAUSE OF GREEK ATTITUDE, LUNS SUGGESTED THAT WE "KEEP DORMANT" ANY CONCRETE PROPOSALS AND FIRST SEE HOW THE NATO MILITARY STAFF AND THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF EVALUATE THE PROBLEM. HE NOTED THAT IN ORDER FOR THE ALLIANCE TO TAKE PRACTICAL STEPS ON MILITARY AID TO TURKEY, BOTH CONSENSUS AND MONEY WERE NEEDED. NEITHER OF THESE EXISTS AT PRESENT.

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3. LUNS NOTED THAT HE RECEIVED IMPRESSION IN WASHINGTON THAT EXECUTIVE BRANCH WAS FAIRLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT CHANCES FOR LEGISLATION ON MILITARY AID TO TURKEY.

4. MCAULIFFE SAW TURKISH PERMREP ERALP SEPARATELY FEBRUARY 28, TO MAKE INSTRUCTED PRESENTATION. ERALP PROMISED TO REPORT U.S. VIEWS TO ANKARA. TURKISH PERMREP NOTED THAT HE HAD DETECTED A SHIFT IN POSITION OF TURKISH FONOFF WHICH NOW TENDED TO BLAME USG AS A WHOLE FOR MILITARY AID CUTOFF RATHER THAN JUST ON THE CONGRESS.

5. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO PASS THIS MESSAGE TO SECDEF, USNMR SHAPE, USCINCEUR, USLOSACLANT AND USDOCOSOUTH.MCAULIFFE

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